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The Honorable Mark H. Buzby  
Administrator  
United States Maritime Administration  
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Dear Administrator Buzby:

I am writing to you today in support of Heartland Fabrication, Inc.'s application for a 2019 Maritime Administration Small Shipyard Grant. Heartland Fabrication is seeking grant funding for their Structural Steel Coatings Improvement Project, a plan to install an automated coatings and conveyor system at a shipyard in Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Heartland Fabrication's proposed coatings and conveyor system will triple the efficiency of their structural steel processing operations, allowing them to keep up with market demand. Heartland has played a vital role in supporting our inland waterways since 2005 as a provider of high-quality barges, and they are the largest employer in the City of Brownsville, and the second-largest producer of barges in the country.

As a former State Senator, I understand the difficult funding choices your agency faces. However, I also recognize that the proposed Structural Steel Coatings Improvement Project will spur economic development and create new employment opportunities for my constituents. Therefore, I would like to again express my support for Heartland Fabrication's application and respectfully request that it receive your full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your kind attention to my request.

Very respectfully,

Guy Reschenthaler  
Member of Congress